

# Wichita Intervention Program

Municipal Court Probation Office

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The Wichita Intervention Program is presented to comply with Kansas Law which requires attendance at an alcohol/drug information program and for those whose offense calls for 48 hours incarceration. The Kansas Attorney General has said, "The term "imprisonment" includes not only actual incarceration in jail, but may refer to any situation in which the defendant's liberty is restrained and he or she is subject to additional sanctions should an escape be made". There are no bars on the windows or doors, but nonetheless, this is a jail. All over America everyday people are killed or injured because they or some other person drank too much and then drove their car. It has been said that drunk driving is a violent crime in which everyone is a victim. If you are the driver of a car that kills or injures some innocent person, you will have to live with that on your conscience.

We tend to think that it could not happen to us but it does. In fact every two years more Americans were killed by drunk drivers than were killed in 10 years in Vietnam. Now that is a needless waste of lives. More and more we are saying if you choose to use alcohol or other drugs, that is your business, but when that use places either you or others in danger, that's our business. We take no position on the use of alcohol, that's a matter of individual choice. We are saying we must change our attitudes on drinking and driving.

## **Why an alcohol/drug Intervention program?**

For years alcohol/drug related offenses were treated just like any other fines, fees, revocations, suspension or restriction of drivers' licenses, and maybe a little jail time. It was found that with some information on alcohol and drugs and what drinking and driving can do to us and to society, the number of repeat offenders was greatly reduced (from 16% - 20% to less than 10% in areas where records were kept).

This is the only school you will ever attend where the stated goal is never to see you again. The school is not punishment. It is an attempt to give you a great deal of information about the use of alcohol and other drugs, the law, the seriousness of the offense, and to change our attitudes about alcohol and drug use, particularly when driving.

Most probably you have some concerns even some anger connected with your arrest, booking, your trial and even the severity of your sentence. We will attempt to address these concerns at this program.

You will be given information which will allow you to see where you are with your use of alcohol and/or other drugs. If you feel you have a problem and wish to pursue it, we will give you the names and locations of professional people or agencies who can give you more information or treatment.

You can make this an interesting, educational experience and one from which you can benefit. We urge you to ask questions, to participate in the group discussion and to come away feeling you have spent your time and money well.

## **Testing and client evaluation**

At the outset you will be given a test to measure your present level of information on a variety of subjects concerning alcohol/drug impairment, the law and drinking/driving. On Sunday evening, a client evaluation form will be filled out. You will not sign these, but we ask for your honest appraisal of the school, the instructors, the films and suggestions for improving the program.

We hope that you will use the next few days to your benefit, that you will come away with information that will serve you well, and most of all, that you never again suffer the inconvenience, embarrassment, the humiliation, and cost of a DUI offense.

## Instructions

1. The \$250.00 fee must be pre-paid by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday before you attend W.I.P. This fee is non-refundable. Make the payments to the Clerk's Office on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) floor of City Hall. Bring your receipt to class. Do not attempt to pay when you check in at W.I.P. A \$25 Rescheduling fee will be charged to any participant that reschedules the WICHITA INTERVENTION PROGRAM. Reschedules are only approved for emergency situations.
2. Bring clothing and other necessities as you would for a weekend trip. Please limit items to a carry on size luggage. Items will be searched. No short shorts (men or women). Neither are halter tops or miniskirts permitted. Dinner will not be served Friday evening, but all other meals will be provided. You are encouraged to bring unopened snacks and soft drinks. Vending machines are available. You may also bring cigarettes.
3. You may bring a radio but no other electronic equipment, such as cell phones, pagers or lap top computers is permitted. Phone calls are limited to emergencies.
4. To check in, refer to the information board in the hotel lobby. Wait just inside the door for the instructor. Check in by 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Anyone more than 15 minutes late will not be permitted to attend. You will complete the W.I.P. on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
5. All participants must be sober and drug free upon arrival. Suspected use will require immediate testing at your expense. Refusal to test or positive test results will result in immediate dismissal and a court hearing. Possession or use of prescription medication will be permitted with approval by the W.I.P. coordinator at the time of check in. Medication must be in its original prescription bottle.
6. Expectant mothers should schedule W.I.P. after the baby is born.
7. Direct any questions to the Probation Office at 268-4582. Do not call the Hotel.

A SPOUSE, PARENT OR CLOSE FRIEND MAY ATTEND LECTURES AT NO CHARGE. PARENTS OF YOUNG ADULTS AGES 17 AND UNDER ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

## LOCATION

BEST WESTERN NORTH HOTEL & SUITES                      915 E. 53<sup>RD</sup> STREET NORTH

COMING FROM THE NORTH ON I-135: Depart (I-135 S / US-81 S / K-15 S). At exit 13, take ramp right and follow signs for 53rd Street. Turn right onto E 53rd St N. Turn left onto N Primrose St, and then immediately turn left onto E 53rd St N.

HEADING SOUTH ON I-135: Depart (I-135 N/ US-81 N/ K-15 N). At exit 13, take ramp right and follow signs for 53rd Street. Turn left onto E 53rd St N. Turn left onto N Primrose St, and then immediately turn left onto E 53rd St. N.

COMING FROM THE EAST ON K-96 W: Depart K-96 W. Take ramp right for K-96 North / I-135 North toward Salina / Hutchinson. At exit 13, take ramp right and follow signs for 53rd Street. Turn left onto E 53rd St N. Turn left onto N Primrose St, and then immediately turn left onto E 53rd St. N.

COMING FROM THE WEST ON K-96 E: Depart I-235 N / K-96 E toward K-254 E. At exit 16B, take ramp left for I-135 North toward Salina. At exit 13, take ramp